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Included in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Information is Malik et al., “Development of an Energetic Ion Assisted Mixing and Deposition Process for TIN_x and Diamondlike Carbon Films, Using a Co-axial Geometry in Plasma Source Ion Implantation,” *J. Vac. Sci. Technol. A*, Vol. 15, No. 6, pp. 2875-2879 (Nov./Dec. 1997) (“Malik”). Malik was cited in another commonly owned application, U.S. Patent Application No. , 09/997,450, “Modified Surface For An Implantable Device And A Method Of Producing The Same”, Malik, and filed November 30, 2001.

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